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Extracted from the Winter 2008 NEIWPCC article, "... Outside the plant, we strode aside railroad tracks, upon which twice a week rumble trains 90 cars long, each car holding 100 tons of coal from mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and two sources in South America. We looked out at a yard where mountains of coal lay on standby. Like any coal-fired power plant, Merrimack Station is vulnerable to strikes in the railroad and mining industries; regulations require that it keep 300,000 tons of coal always on hand, just in case...."